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1. FRG TEXTUAL PROPOSALS IN REF A REGARDING NOTIFICATION

AND INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS ARE ACCEPTABLE. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF THESE PROPOSALS IN ATTEMPTING TO REACH AGREED TEXTS DURING SEPTEMBER 5 POLADS MEETING.

2. FRG THINKING ON TIMING AND MEANS OF NOTIFICATION AND PRESENTATION OF INVITATIONS PARALLELS OUR OWN AND IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE. WE DO, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME PREFERENCE THAT ALLIES BE INVITED IN SAME MANNER AS OTHER CSCE PARTICIPANTS, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THIS DETAIL. IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON TEXTS IN POLADS SEPTEMBER 5, WE WOULD ENVISAGE NOTIFICATIONS BEING MADE IN CSCE CAPITALS SEPTEMBER 10, AND FRG EXTENSION OF INVITATIONS SEPTEMBER 12.

3. WE BELIEVE QUESTIONS RAISED BY UK (PARA 9, REF B) AS TO WHETHER SPECIAL TREATMENT SHOULD BE ACCORDED ALLIED CSCE OBSERVERS, AS OPPOSED TO THOSE FROM WARSAW PACT AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES, SHOULD BE WORKED OUT THROUGH CONSULTATIONS AMONG ALLIES. WE ASSUME THAT RECEIVING MILITARY AUTHORITIES WILL, ON CERTAIN OCCASIONS AT LEAST, WISH TO TREAT ALL CSCE OBSERVERS AS GROUP (E.G. FOR BRIEFINGS), WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR ALLIES ON THOSE OCCASIONS. IN ADDITION, IN INTEREST OF EVEN-HANDED APPLICATION OF CSCE PROVISIONS, WE BELIEVE ALL OBSERVERS SHOULD BE ACCORDED EQUAL TREATMENT, EVEN THOUGH EQUAL TREATMENT MIGHT LEAD TO RATHER ARTIFICIAL SITUATION IN SOME INSTANCES. FOR EXAMPLE, ALLIED CSCE OBSERVERS WOULD BE BARRED FROM CLASSIFIED NATO MATERIALS TO WHICH THEY WOULD NORMALLY HAVE ACCESS.

4. ABOVE APPLIES ONLY TO ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING MANEUVERS AS CSCE OBSERVERS, AND WOULD NOT EXCLUDE CONCURRENT BUT SEPARATE OBSERVATION OF MANEUVER BY OTHER ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES OUTSIDE OF CSCE CONTEXT AND FOR OTHER REASONS (E.G. TO VIEW MANEUVERS IN INTERESTS OF STANDARDIZATION OF MILITARY DOCTRINE), IF RESPONSIBLE STATES WISHED TO INVITE THEM.

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